GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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FISH FARMING
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether brackish water fish farmers development agencies have been set up in every coastal State;

(b) if so, the number of such agencies set up, State-wise;

(c) whether small and marginal brackish water fish farmers have been given financial assistance in that States to develop fish farming; and

(d) if so, the details thereof State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A total of 39 Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies(BFDAs) have been set up under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme ` Integrated Coastal Aquaculture` in all the Coastal States and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar IslandsState-wise list of BFDAs is given in Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Assistance under the above scheme is provided through the State Governments for establishment of shrimp farms, shrimp hatcheries, training of shrimp farmers, establishment of demonstration-cum-training Centre as well as for strengthening of technical wings in the State Directorate of Fisheries. The pattern of financial assistance under the scheme is as stated below:
i) 25% of capital cost for construction/renovation and total cost of inputs for the first crop, subject to a maximum of Rs.30,000 per hectare.
ii) Payment of stipend of Rs.25 per day and traveling allowance limited to Rs.140 per trainee for two months.
iii) Subsidy at the rate of Rs.1 lakh per hatchery or 10% of the cost whichever is lower, to Private/Public Sector. The cost of subsidy, payment of stipend for trainees and the administrative cost under the Scheme are shared between the State and the Centre on 50 : 50 basis. In the case of Union Territory, 100% cost is borne by the Centre. State-wise release of funds during the last three years is given in Annexure-ll.
Annexure-I
State-wise list ofBrackishwater Fish Farmers` .Development Agencies

SLNo.	State	Numbers
1	Andhra Pradesh	6
2	Gujarat	3
3	Kamataka	2
4	Kerala	7
5	Maharashtra	4
6	Orissa	7
7	West Bengal	3
8	Tamil Nadu	5
9	Goa	1
10	Andanian& Nicobar Islands	1
	Total	39

ANNEXURE-ll
`DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES DURING 1997-98, 1998-99 AND 1999-2000.`

(RS. in Lakh)

Sl. No	State/UTs	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000

1 Andhra Pradesh
2 Goa. 2 2 2
3 Gujarat 7.5 20.22 20.44
4 Karnataka 16.5 12.88 14.34
5 Kerala 45 25.47 64.53
6 Maharashtra - 23.07 16.492
7 Orissa 3.07 16.36 41.55
8 Tamil Nadu
9 West Bengal - - 94
10 A & N Island

Total 74.07 100 253.352